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GERALD R. BENNETT Mayor

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HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board 525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Letter of Support for the Palos Behavioral Acute Care Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery,

As Mayor of the City of Palos Hills and President of the Southwest Conference of Mayors, representing 21 communities in the southwest suburbs with a population of over 300,000, I am writing to convey my support for the establishment of the MIRA Neuro-Behavioral Health Center for Children & Adolescents in our community; a new, acute mental health facility dedicated to caring for adolescents and children. I support this project because I personally believe that there is a critical need in our community for a facility that would address the acute issues facing our children, adolescents and their families today.

The MIRA Neuro-Behavioral Health Center for Children & Adolescents, would be a very good facility not only for our community, but would benefit the entire south and southwest suburbs.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthy project.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Bennett

Mayor

City of Palos Hills